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E.O. 11652 GDS
TAGS SHUM, PINT, AR
SUBJECT VISIT OF DR. ALENDE TO WASHINGTON

REF: A STATE 152092, B BUENOS AIRES 3529

1. ALENDE IS ONE OF A DOZEN OR SO "CO-PRESIDENTS" OF THE PERMANENT ASSEMBLY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. IN OUR VIEW, HE SHOULD BE HANDLED WITH CARE. AS WE POINTED OUT IN REFTEL B HE IS A VETERAN POLITICIAN WHO BUILT HIS CAREER ON SCHMALZY, LEFT-OF-CENTER NATIONALIST SLOGANEERING (INCLUDING A HEALTHY DOSE OF ANTI-YANKEEISM). HE IS REMEMBERED AROUND TOWN FOR HAVING SOUGHT THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN VARIOUS OF HIS ELECTORAL BIDS (INCLUDING HIS TRY FOR THE PRESIDENCY IN 1973), WHICH DOES NOT ENDEAR HIM WITH THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT, ALTHOUGH HE DOES NOT APPEAR TO RECUEIVE ANY WORSE TREATMENT THAN THE REST OF THE PRE-1976 POLITICAL BROOD. (NEVERTHELESS, THAT HE HAS ENEMIES OR IS A RIPE TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY IS EVIDENT FROM THE BOMB ATTACK A FEW MONTHS AGO ON HIS HOUSE.) THE POINT THAT STANDS OUT IN OUR RECORDS AND LEAVES A SOUR TASTE WITH US IS THAT HE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THE PARLIAMENTARY CALL FOR PERSONA NON GRATA TREATMENT FOR FORMER DCM MAX KREBS IN 1973 -- AGAIN BECAUSE
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IT WAS SMART POLITICS AT THE TIME.

2. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, WE SUGGEST DEPARTMENT NOT PUSH DR. ALENDE ON MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND LET COHA ARRANGE THIS DIRECTLY IF THAT IS THEIR WISH. WE DO NOT RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT RECEIVE HIM WITH MUCH FANFARE AND SUGGEST THAT

THIS BE ACCOMPLISHED AT A LEVEL SOMEWHAT LOWER
THAN THAT OF "SENIOR US GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS."

3. FYI. DR. ALENDE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS
WIFE.
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